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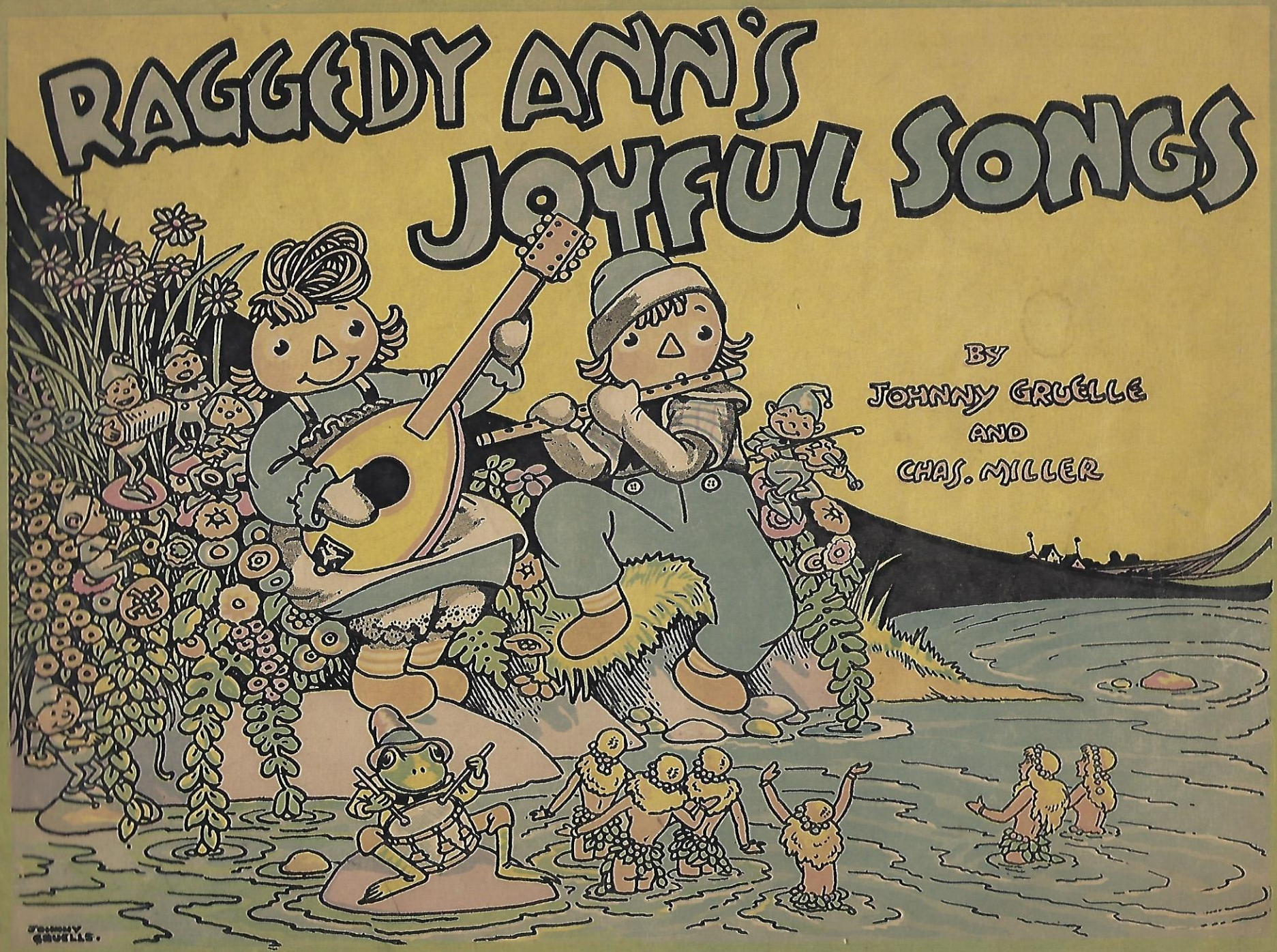

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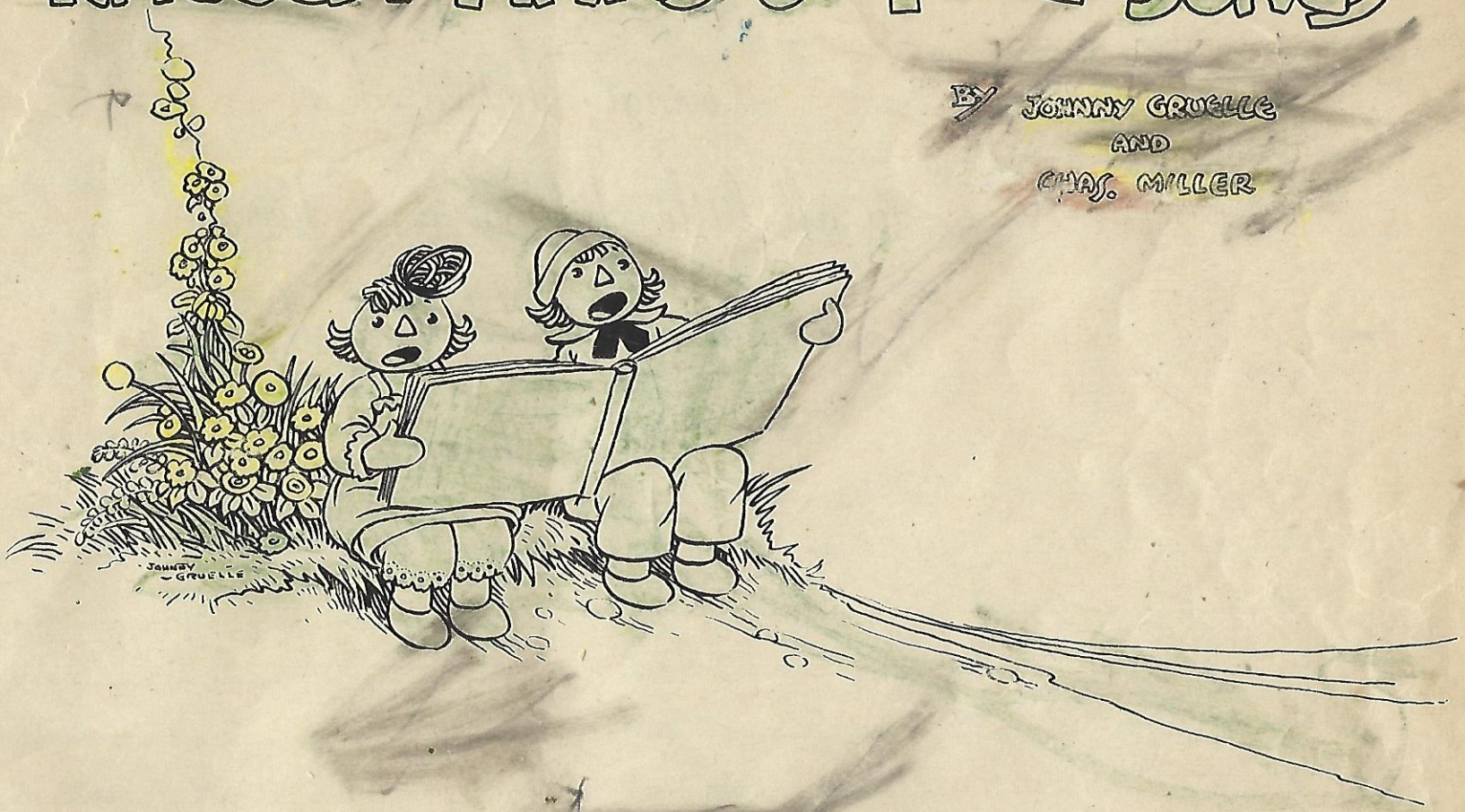

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Foreword

When the first "Raggedy Ann" song book was published in the fall of 1930, it was considered a daring innovation. Nevertheless. since its publication, thousands of children have learned to love the songs it contained, hearing them on records, over the radio, at school affairs and private entertainments. Encouraged by the success of this first venture, the publishers of that book now present their second offering, "Raggedy Ann's Joyful Songs".

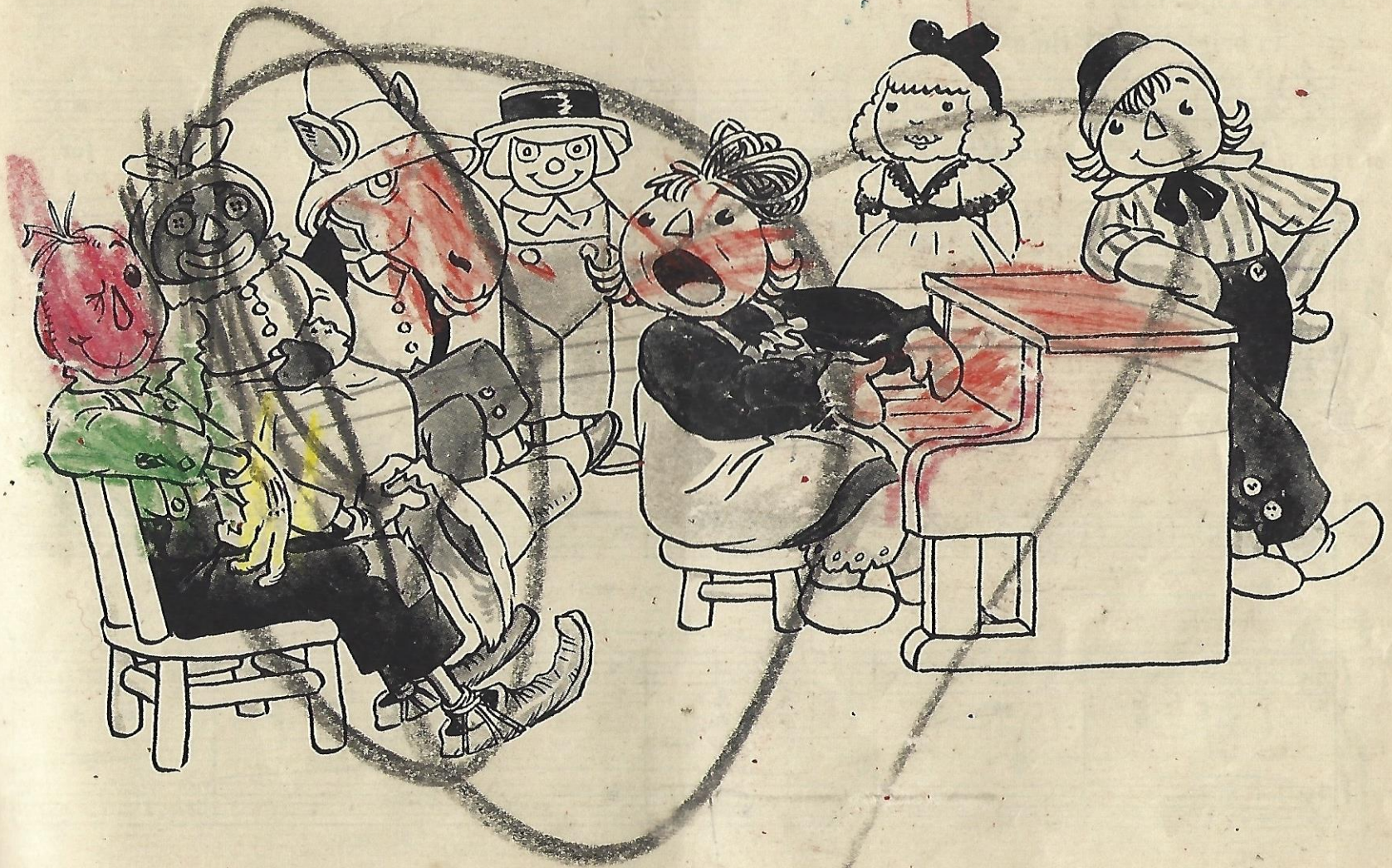
Parents and teachers have long been aware of a pressing need for children's modern songs which would reflect the newer outlook on music. It is evident that children today are becoming more and more "popular song" minded and critical in their tastes and attitude toward music. With this in mind, the authors have endeavored to give children wholesome and attractive songs of a popular nature to meet this particular need. They have not, however, lost sight of the educational, musical, and ethical traditions of the older songs.

The publishers hope that this collection will meet with the same response that greeted the first publication, "Raggedy Ann's Sunny Songs".

The Authors

Johnny Gruelle, who has endeared himself to hosts of children with his delightful stories and drawings, has succeeded in writing refreshing lyrics with many surprising twists. He has occasionally made use of colloquial expressions, but only when desiring some particularly humorous effect. Johnny's drawings are a perpetual delight to children as well as grown ups.

Chas. Miller is a composer and music editor of wide experience. He has employed present day musical idioms in his melody harmony and rhythm; but remained always within the bounds of good taste, and given due regard to the child's viewpoint. The melodies are simple and easy to sing, many of them lying within the compass of an octave. The harmonies are such as may be found in our best present day music. The accompaniments are easy to play and the keys are those most familiar to the average pianist. Most of the songs are pitched low rather than high, as educators have recently concluded that children's songs are best when pitched low.



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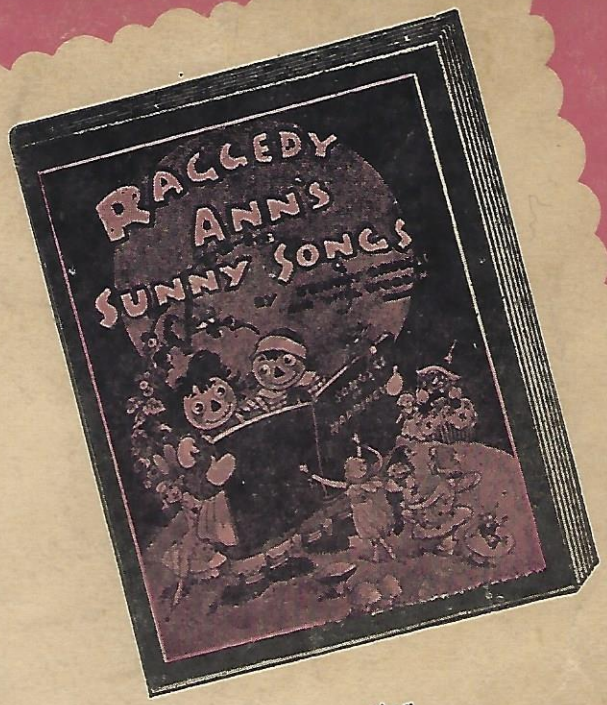

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WILL WOODIN

The writing of "RAGGEDY ANN'S SUNNY SONGS" was brought about through the meeting of two lovers of children—Johnny Gruelle, the creator of the famous Raggedy Ann series of books, and Will Woodin, composer. Because they both love children, each has caught the spirit of the other in the writing.

We believe this work is quite different from the average song book, which uses as its subjects the familiar things and activities of the child's life. In this little book the child is transported to the land of imagery and make-believe through the medium of some of the characters of Johnny Gruelle's Raggedy Ann series, subtly teaching lessons of patience, unselfishness, kindness and universal love.

Children love to sing about their heroes and heroines. What child does not adore Raggedy Ann with the candy heart; Raggedy Andy, the valiant wrestler; Beloved Belindy, the mother of all; Frederika, the little immigrant; and Wooden Willie, with a knot-hole in his head? Mr. Gruelle has put the same charm in the words of the songs as in the original stories. We feel sure that countless children will be as delighted with them as they have always been with his books.

The drawings also are by Johnny Gruelle in his own inimitable, fanciful style. Whimsical and colorful, they cannot fail to arouse the imagination. Even the grown-ups will find a place in their hearts for the irresistible "Frederika," the appealing "Little Wooden Willie," the "Cheery Scarecrow," and the boisterous "Snoopwiggy."

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